

ACM SIGIR Business Meeting

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SIGIR

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Elected SIGIR Officers

- Chair: Liz Liddy
- Vice-Chair: Mounia Lalmas
- Secretary: Dave Lewis
- Treasurer: Alistair Moffat

- Email: sigir-ec@acm.org
- Web: <http://www.acm.org/sigir>

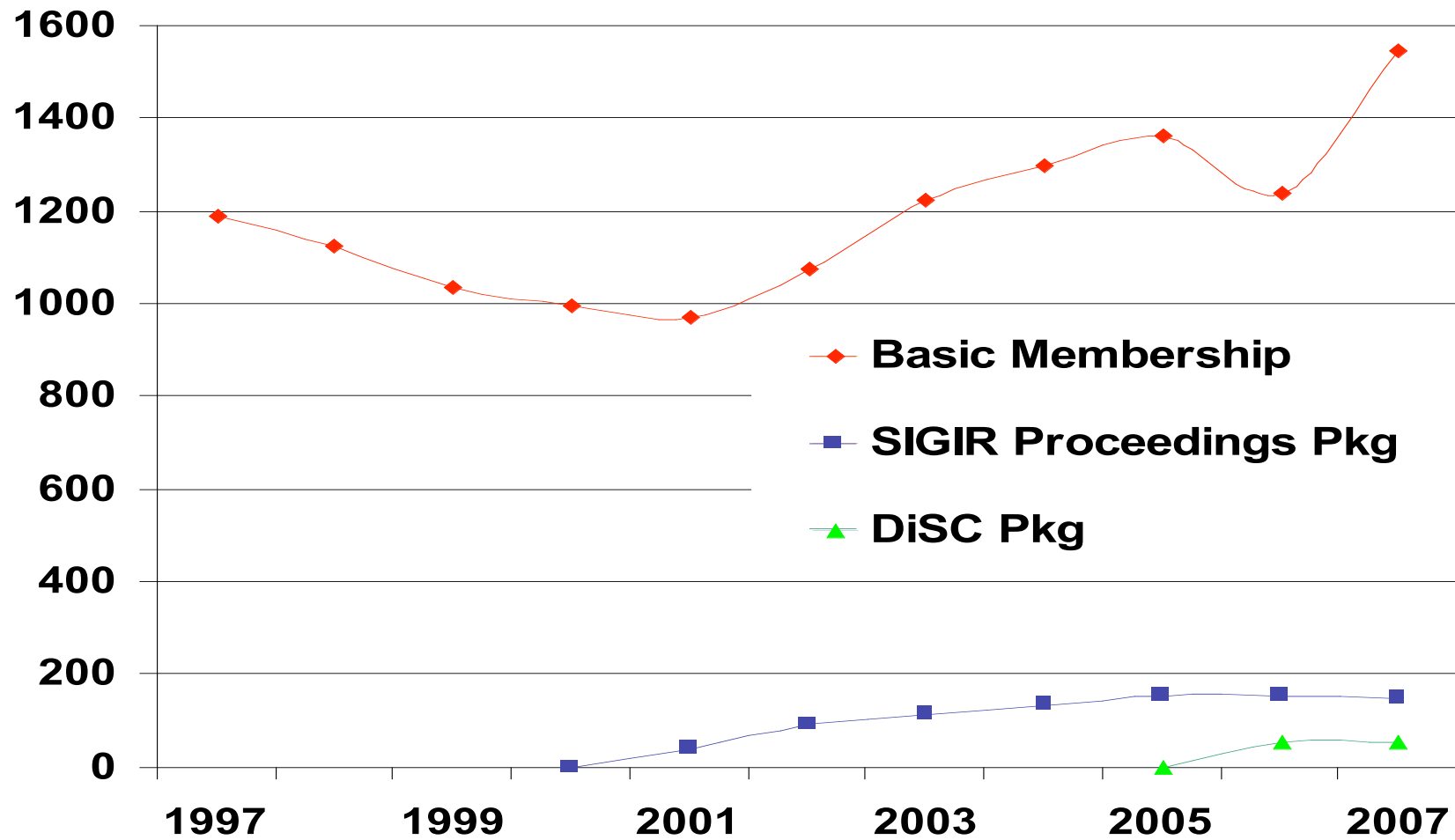
SIGIR Advisors and Volunteers

- Regional Representative to the EC:
 - Tetsuya Sakai
- Information Officer: Djoerd Hiemstra
- SIG-IRList Editor: Raman Chandrasekar
- Forum Editors:
 - Fall: Diane Kelly
 - Spring: Ian Ruthven
- JCDL Liason: Edie Rasmussen
- Awards Chair: Alistair Moffat

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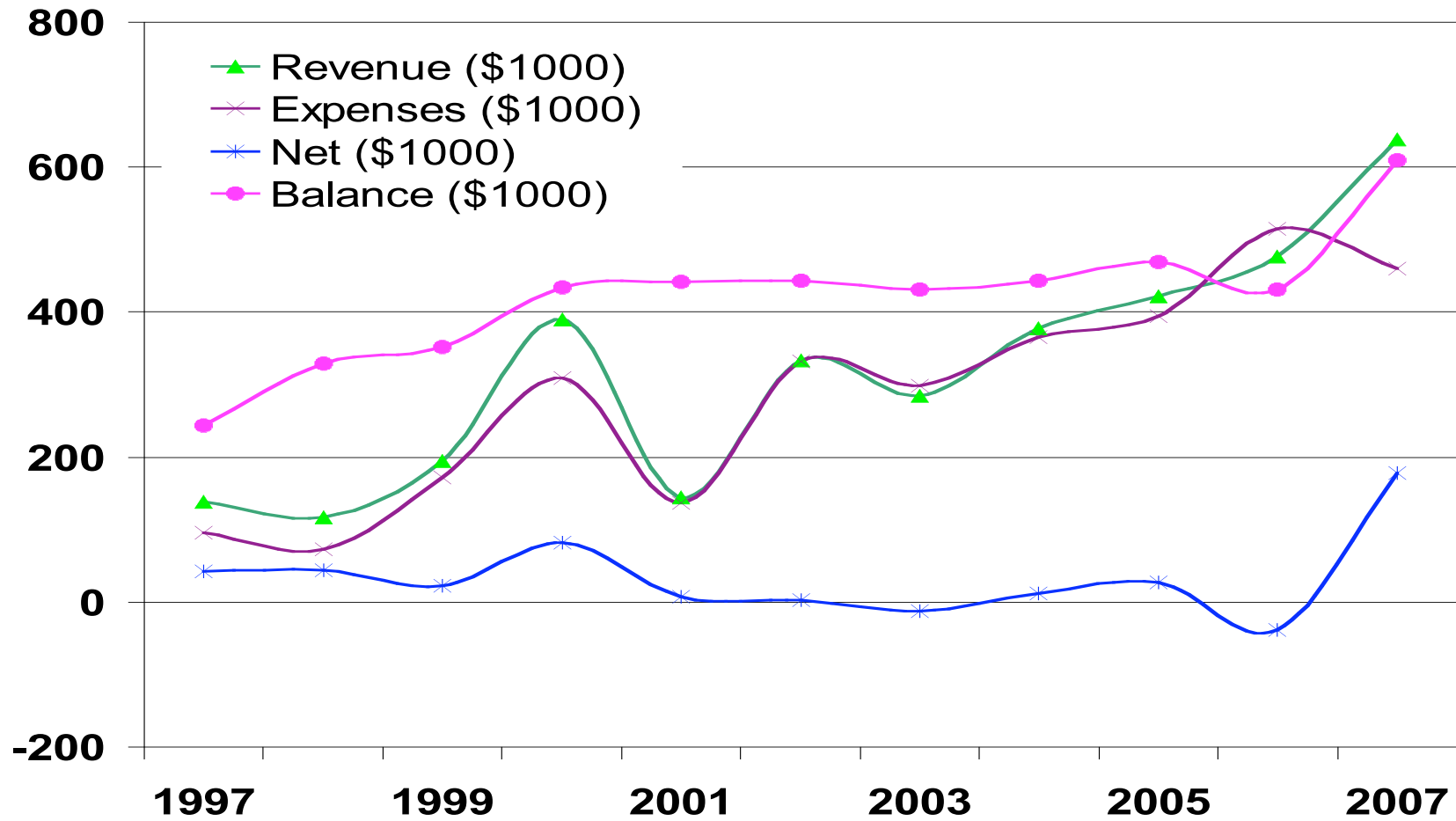
SIGIR Memberships



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- Numbers up again because of 2006 conference registrations.
- Likely to increase again next year.
- But we do need to increase our retention rate.

SIGIR Finances



SIGIR Finances

- SIGIR had a healthy surplus this year
- Reasons
 - Very strong conference income
 - DL income of \$46K from 285K downloads, up from 177K downloads in 2005
 - More income (and no costs at all) from DL than from membership subscriptions!

SIGIR Finances - Looking forward

- No mailout of (weighty) proceedings
- Profit from 2007 conferences
- Dues increased in 2005
- Proceedings package still costly

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SIGIR Member Service Summary

- SIGIR Forum (paper, online)
- Reduced conference registration fees
 - Sponsored and “in cooperation” conferences
- Access to IR-related content in ACM Digital Library
- Optional Proceedings and DiSC Packages
- SIGIR 25th Anniversary CD
- Support for student travel to SIGIR
 - Amit Singhal
 - Microsoft Research
 - Google
- Best Paper and Best Student Paper awards
 - Sponsored by IBM again this year...thanks!
- SIG-IRList ... electronic newsletter

SIGIR Forum

- Editors: Ian Ruthven and Diane Kelly
- Many thanks to Peter Anick – GREAT JOB!
- Online - <http://www.acm.org/sigs/sigir/forum/>
- Providing content:
 - SIGIR, CIKM, JCDL workshop overviews
 - TREC Track overviews
 - PhD Dissertation abstracts
 - Invited talks
 - Community and SIGIR announcements
- Your suggestions ... Better yet, your content!



The Digital Symposium Collection (DiSC) Package

- A DVD that includes SIGIR, CIKM, JCDL, SIGMOD, SIGKDD, ... and many more conference proceedings and newsletters
- Cost: \$10/year
- Started July 2004
 - Maybe not mentioned on renewal materials
 - Ask for it by name!

<i>CIKM'03</i>
<i>DASFAA'03</i>
<i>DBPL'03</i>
<i>DE Bulletin</i>
<i>DEBS</i>
<i>DMKD'03</i>
<i>DOLAP'03</i>
<i>DPDJ</i>
<i>ER</i>
<i>GIS'03</i>
<i>Hypertext'03</i>
<i>ICDE'03</i>
<i>ICDM'03</i>
<i>ICDT'03</i>
<i>JCDL'03</i>
<i>KRDB'03</i>
<i>MIR'03</i>
<i>MIS'03</i>
<i>MMDB'03</i>
<i>RIDE'03</i>
<i>SBBD'03</i>
<i>SIGIR'03</i>
<i>SIGIR FORUM</i>

**These
and more**



Student Travel Awards, 2007

- Approximately \$41,500 awarded
 - Google, Microsoft Research, Amit Singhal
- 54 students
 - North America (29)
 - Australia / Asia (12)
 - Europe (11)
 - South America (1)
 - Africa (1)
- Working on establishing long-term 'named' student travel awards
 - Appreciate generosity & spirit of these awards honoring Karen Spark Jones & Don Swanson

Doctoral Consortium

- Fourth time run at SIGIR'07
- Senior PhD students present dissertation ideas & are mentored by experienced IR researchers
- Occurs on "Tutorial" day
- Competitive, based on 5 page proposal reviewed by mentors
- Up from 18 applicants last year to 36 this year
- Comments welcome
 - Contact: Liz Liddy, Chair this year
- Student travel & awards funded by Google

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Updated the SIGIR Bylaws

- Increased an EC term from 2 years to 3 years
 - Removed “automatic renewal” option
- New bylaws reflect more accurately how SIGIR is actually run
 - Past Chair becomes official member of EC
 - Deleted items that were never followed
- Streamlined process for adding, amending & deleting bylaws

Building a SIGIR digital library - Donna

- Why—initially to preserve our “history”; possibility of much more
- Committee has created a list of the OLD documents that should be included and will need scanning
- Scanning first batch in August; those that I have that have no copyright issues
- Scanning into TIFF files (600 bpi greyscale or 300 bpi bw??) and PDF with hidden text, one file PER page

First batch

Cranfield reports:

Cranfield I reports (1960), (1962),

Cranfield II reports, Volumes I and II (1966))

ISR reports to the NSF.

ISR-10 containing Rocchio's thesis

ISR-11 containing early work from SMART system at Harvard,

IRS-13 containing early work at Cornell and evaluation methods

IRS-15 containing Ide's thesis

Information Retrieval Experiment book (1981) by Karen Sparck Jones

Lancaster Evaluation of the MEDLARS Demand Search Service (1968)

Statistical Association Methods for Mechanized Documentation: Symposium
Proceedings, Washington (1964)

NIST Monograph 91 (1965): Automatic Indexing: A State of the Art Report

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Next steps

- Look at / use results of scan; build a small digital library??
- Start gathering next set of documents
 - Keith's book
 - British library reports
 - Salton books
- Possible expansion into much larger online resource for SIGIR

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SIGIR Conferences

SIGIR-Sponsored:

- SIGIR
- CIKM 2005-2007
 - w/SIGWEB in 2006
- JCDL 2005-2007
 - w/ SIGWEB and IEEE's TCDL

In Cooperation:

- AIRS
- CORIA
- CIVR
- ECIR

Watch the SIGIR Web site for
in cooperation conferences

SIGIR Conferences

... past, present, and future

- 2006: Seattle, WA USA - E. Efthimiadis
- 2007: Amsterdam, Netherlands - W. Kraaij & A. de Vries
- 2008: Singapore - M. Leong & T. Chua
- 2009: Boston - J. Allan & J. Aslam
- 2010: Geneva - Stephane Marchand-Maillet & Fabio Crestani

SIGIR'07 – The Netherlands



- General Chairs:
 - Arjen de Vries, Wessel Kraaij
- Program Chairs:
 - Charlie Clarke
 - Norbert Fuhr
 - Noriko Kando
- First SIGIR with an RSS feed ☺
- Preliminary figures
 - Terrific attendance
 - Will make a profit

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SIGIR'08 – Singapore

- General Chairs:

Mun-kew Leong , Tat-Seng Chua

SIGIR'09 – Boston

- General Chairs:
James Allan, Javed Aslam

SIGIR '10 – Geneva, Switzerland

- Stephane Marchand-Maillet & Fabio Crestani
- University of Geneva
- Specific dates being decided
- Look for more info at next year's SIGIR

SIGIR 2011

- Accepting Bids
 - Haifa, Israel
 - Beijing, China
 - Others??

CIKM 2006



- Arlington, Virginia
November 6 – 11
 - Co-sponsored with SIGWEB
- General Chair: Philip Yu
- Program Chairs:
 - Vassilis Tsotras (DB)
 - Edward Fox (IR)
 - Bing Liu (KM)
 - Kun-lung Wu (Industrial)
 - Eric Brown (Industrial)
- No final financial results yet

CIKM

- 2007 – Lisbon, Portugal
- 2008 – Napa Valley, California



- Chapel Hill, North Carolina, USA
June 11-15, 2006
- General Chair: Gary Marchionini
- Program Chairs:
 - Michael Nelson
 - Cathy Marshall
- 400 Attendees
- Profit - \$105,000
 - 1/3 comes to SIGIR

JCDL 2007

- Vancouver, BC
 - June 17-23, 2007
- General Chair
 - Edie Rasmussen
- Final Figures not yet available
 - Should at least break even
 - Strong Canadian dollar
 - Attendance down slightly



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Issues of Note - 1

- SIGIR has undergone a 'viability review' by ACM and been approved for next 4 years
 - Thanks, Jamie!
- Encouraged to nominate "senior members" and ACM Fellows
 - Senior Members can be self-nominated
 - Due date was May 31. Be on lookout for 08's
 - EC will support and assist in preparing packages
 - 2 Fellows can be nominated each year
 - Alistair Moffat is Chair for ACM Fellow nominations

Issues of Note - 2

- Planning for future conferences
 - Rotation has nominally been 5 yr
 - Recent practice has been 3 yr
 - Europe – US – Other
- EC in favor of 3 yr rotation by time zones
 - Ranges of Longitude
 - Africa & Europe in same zone
 - Asia & Australia in same zone
 - US, Canada & South America in same zone

Issues of Note - 3

- Industry Day
 - Will take place tomorrow
 - 150 attendees
 - Industry
 - Research
 - Practitioners
 - EC will be eliciting input after Friday
 - Trial run, but likely for 2008

Issues of Note - 4

- Mentoring Program
 - Goal is to support researchers who want to submit to SIGIR, but are new to SIGIR
 - Split opinions
 - Very time consuming for reviewers
 - Most are not accepted
 - But helps to grow the organization
 - Your thoughts

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What Do You Like (Or Not)?

- Questions ...
- Issues ...
- Suggestions ...
- ... or see any of us after meeting
- ... or email sigir-ec@acm.org